



Hall of Fame Inductees

Engineering Heritage Queensland

Sir George Read FISHER CMG

1903 - 2007

INDUCTED IN 2011

70 years before enactment in legislation, Sir George introduced workplace health and safety into Queensland mining operations.

At Mount Isa Mines, he also introduced the company's subsidising of low-interest loans for mine workers to own their own homes, helping them to obtain a stake in the town.

George was responsible for building Lake Moondarra as water storage and negotiating with State and Federal governments for the reconstruction of the railway to Townsville.

He was Chair and then President of Mount Isa Mines and MIM Holdings, President of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (three times), President of the National Safety Council, the first Chancellor of James Cook University, the Queensland Chair of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust, Chair of the Queensland Art Gallery Foundation, and involved with numerous professional and community bodies.

The Queen twice honoured him, with the CMG in 1961 and Knight Bachelor in 1967.

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